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SUBJECT: REFORGER PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A) BONN 14196 (DTG P 301613Z AUG 77)

B) BONN 14184 (P 301502Z AUG 77)

1. FOLLOWING IS REDRAFT OF CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE
PROPOSED REF A:

THE SITE OF THE REFORGER 77 EXERCISE DOES NOT NECESSARILY
REFLECT WAR PLANS. IN FACT, THE SITE WAS SELECTED BY THE
FRG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN 1976.

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WHILE REFORGER 77 IS, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AN
EXERCISE OF WAR PLANS, THIS YEAR IT IS PRIMARILY A
MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT AND AN EXERCISE IN
COMMAND AND CONTROL ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED IN A NEW
LOCATION.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER, IN A MESSAGE TO THE

ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 27, REITERATED THAT
THE U.S. REMAINS CATEGORICALLY COMMITTED TO NATO'S
STRATEGY OF FORWARD DEFENSE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.

2. THIS LANGUAGE CHANGE AVOIDS BOTH HORNS OF DILEMMA
INVOLVED; WE MUST AVOID BOTH AFFIRMING CATEGORICALLY
THAT REFORGER 77 IS AN EXERCISE OF WAR PLANS AND
DENYING CATEGORICALLY THAT IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH
WAR PLANS.

3. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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